

Dear sirs,

I receive 2, 3 sometimes 5 unsolicited prerecorded commercial telemarketing calls to my residential phone line EVERY DAY.

According to the information sent to me by the Enforcement division of the FCC, each is in clear violation of the law.

The FCC however does not care to enforce the law, leaving individuals to conduct their own legal proceedings, which for most, including myself, is an impractical solution. This is especially true as, though some are repeated many times, the calls are received from a variety of different sources.

Each of these calls wastes my time and productivity, each is a DENIAL OF SERVICE for my phone line. Each call that winds up on my answering service uses up my allotted space, and is A DENIAL OF SERVICE for my voice mail. None of these prerecorded calls allow for placement on a do not call list, or any other method of refusal.

This is an issue that effects many thousands of consumers nationwide. While the FCC aggressively enforces laws to protect against pirate broadcasts that may cause interference to radio and TV transmissions, nothing is done to protect against these illegal telephone broadcasts that effect many more people in a far more disruptive way.

Will the government of the US protect it's citizens from violations of the law? There is an industry full of flagrant violators of the communications law that this government tacitly tolerates.

I am requesting that the FCC ACTIVELY ENFORCE THE EXISTING LAWS on this subject, and I am asking for the enactment of new more stringent laws to prevent this sort of abuse.

My suggestions are:

1. Providers of all outgoing WATS services (carriers) must present caller id information to recipients. All of the calls I receive come from sources with "unavailable" caller id information, apparently taking advantage of weaknesses in the telecommunications infrastructure to hide their source and identity.
2. All commercial calls, made from outgoing WATS services or from any other type of phone services must be accompanied by caller id information. (Not 'blocked' or 'unavailable' numbers.)
3. Fines for placing prerecorded commercial solicitations to residential phone numbers should be increased to \$10,000 PER INCIDENT, and should be investigated and enforced by the FCC.

Please note that my comments are not designed to stop legitimate marketing activities by above-board companies that are not afraid to reveal their identity or to take action to place customers on their do no call lists.

Finally let me say that any comments by industry lobbyists (such as the Direct Marketing Association) to the effect that efforts to curtail this sort of marketing activity could hurt "commerce", or destroy an industry that should be protected because it employs some thousands of individuals, should be taken in

the same context of efforts to support the illicit drug trade in this country: That is commerce and a large industry too, but not one that should be protected.

Similarly, comments that these prerecorded solicitations are welcomed by some people and may prove useful for those who decide to take advantage of the services offered, should be again considered in the context of the drug industry: There are some who choose to do illegal drugs as well, and perhaps even some who are not harmed by the experience. That does not justify turning a blind eye and ignoring enforcement of our drug laws. To most, drug dealing is a blight on our communities, and most users are harmed by the experience. I think to almost all recipients, these marketing solicitations are a blight on our lives, a repeated harmful violation of our privacy and our time.

Sincerely,
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